Abuse™

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Perfect your insult technique by abusing
the computer—then offend your friends!

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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Atari® 400/800 • 40K
One Disk Drive • BASIC Cartridge

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Program Disk
Instruction Booklet
Warranty Card

OVERVIEW

Abuse is just what you get! "The train leaves in ten minutes—be under it!" And this is only the beginning of what your cute little computer can do. Bet you didn't know what a creative and nasty side it had to its "personality." Abuse is great fun—if you have a thick skin.

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PREPARING FOR ABUSE

Just when you thought it was safe to use your computer, Abuse turns it into an infinitely creative, wise-cracking, insult-exchanging machine. It showers you and your friends with curses, jibes, and rude suggestions—new ones all the time. Insult Abuse and watch its unpredictable and amusing reactions. Vent your frustrations on it and see it turn your nasty remarks against you. Discover its many surprising features.

GETTING STARTED

To get started with Abuse, simply follow these steps (this is called "booting"):

1. Turn your monitor or television on, and your Atari computer off.

2. Insert the Atari BASIC cartridge into the left-hand slot of your computer.

3. Turn on the disk drive power switch. Both the "on" and "busy" lights will come on.

4. When the "busy" light goes off, open the disk drive door by pressing the release button below it and allowing the door to rise.

5. Slip the Abuse program disk into the drive with the label face up. This will be the last edge to enter the drive.

6. When the disk is fully inserted, close the drive door.

7. Turn on the power switch of your computer. The screen will be light blue, and the "busy" light on your disk drive will come on. This indicates that the program is loading.

The Softsmith logo and Abuse title should now appear on the screen. If, instead, the BOOT ERROR message appears, you may have inserted the disk incorrectly. Please repeat the above instructions.

HOW TO PLAY ABUSE

Boot up the Abuse program disk according to the "Getting Started" instructions. There's no stopping your insult mania now (or the computer's)!

The ">" prompt signifies your turn to fling one at the computer. Just type in an insult. Abuse understands every word and lets you get away with nothing! If your retorts take too long, Abuse will let you know, you blockhead!

When you get tired of exchanging insults, type

PLAY GAME

The computer will now become aware of key words that it uses in its insults. If you pick up on the key word and blast it back at the computer, you will score points and the screen will tell you, "YOU GOT ONE."

Type

SCORE

to see how many key words you have successfully exploited.

After a while the Abuse exchange stops and the trivia phase begins. Your trivia knowledge is tested with Abuse's profound and pertinent trivia questions like, "When was the first year the parking meter was installed?" Be careful, if you err, the computer lets you have it! When you're fed up, type

RANK ME

You asked for it! You'll be ranked from class one through five; but don't expect the insults to stop! If you do well enough, however, Abuse will surrender to you and die, but it's hard to whip Abuse!

SURPRISES

Strange things may happen, like the computer may seem to crash, but that's just its way of getting back at you for a particularly low blow. (Congratulate yourself!) Press any key if this happens. No matter what, keep on going! There are no easy ways out of this program. It's a challenge to find your way out and to discover Abuse's quirks.

IMPORTANT TIPS

Follow these tips to minimize problems in running this and many other programs on your Atari microcomputer.

Handle your disks carefully and hold them with your fingers on the labeled edge. Always keep them in their special sleeves while not in use.

Do not open the disk drive door while the "busy" light is on. Results are unpredictable and damage to your program may result.

Do not press <BREAK> while the program is running.

Do not try to make a copy of this disk. If during normal use something goes wrong with your disk, please refer to the Warranty Message section of this manual.

WARRANTY MESSAGE

Please take a moment to fill out and mail the enclosed Warranty Card. By having your name on file we will be able to provide better customer service, including information on program updates and replacement of damaged disks.

If you have problems running your program, please contact The Software Guild Service Department by calling

1 (800) 341-4000.

We have the experience and service network to assist you.

Given normal use, it should not be possible to damage your disk. Should your disk become damaged, however, please send it to us together with a short description of the problem. The Software Guild will replace your disk promptly, per provisions in the warranty.

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